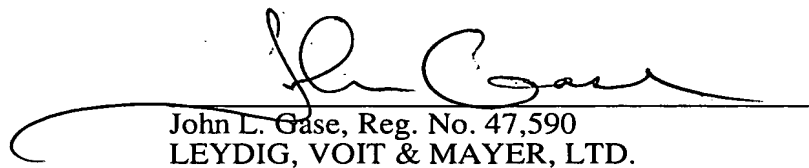


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to place the claims in a format more suitable to U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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